

Remarks

Claims 25-31 are pending in this application. Claim 25 recites a process for preparing a carbon-containing material. The process includes the use of certain organic diazonium salts. Support for claim 25 appears in original claim 1 and on pages 8-9 of the specification. Claims 26 also recites a process for preparing a carbon-containing material. That process includes the use of an electrolyte, with example electrolytes recited in claims 27-31. Support for claims 26-31 appears on page 10 of the specification.

The Examiner rejected claim 1 as claiming the same invention as that in claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 5,270,922. U.S. Patent No. 5,270,922 discloses and claims subject matter quite different from that of the present invention. The Examiner may have intended to cite to claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,435,240. Nevertheless, the rejection is now moot because applicants have canceled claim 1. Pending claims 25-31 do not recite the same invention as claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,435,240, so this rejection should not apply to these claims.

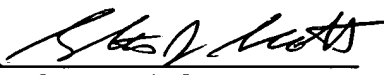
Lastly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial and return the 1449 form filed with an Information Disclosure Statement on September 30, 2002. Applicants also respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge applicant's claim to foreign and domestic priority.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Amendment and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

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